

The bistable multivibrator has two absolutely stable states. It will remain in whichever state it happens to be until a trigger pulse causes it to switch to the other state. For instance, suppose at any particular instant, transistor Q 1 is conducting and transistor Q 2 is at cut-off.

United States Patent US. One base of the unijunction transistor is connected to a control voltage source so as to develop a voltage signal at the other base which serves to reset the bistable multivibrator when the voltage across the capacitor exceeds a fraction of the control voltage. Thus, the output waveshape from the bistable multivibrator will be a pulse whose duration is linearly controlled by linear changes in the control voltage. This invention relates generally to multivibrator circuits and more particularly to an improved monostable multivibrator having a linear voltage controlled output. Monostable multivibrators of the type having one normally stable state and one quasi-stable state have been used to obtain an output pulse of predetermined width. In a typical one of these circuits, the time duration of the pulse is determined by the time duration that the multivibrator remains in its quasi-stable state. An input trigger signal induces transition from the stable state to the quasi-stable state in which state the multivibrator remains for a time delay period. It then returns to its stable state with no external signal being required. However, a need evolved for a means of providing a pulse signal where the pulse width varied linearly with an applied control voltage. It was in response to this need that the present invention was developed. Accordingly, an object of the present invention is to provide a monostable multivibrator wherein the time of duration of the output pulse quasi-stable state can be linearly controlled in response to an applied voltage. Another object of this invention is to provide a linear voltage controlled monostable multivibrator capable of additionally generating a sawtooth signal. A further object of the instant invention is to provide a monostable multivibrator having a linear voltage controlled pulse output and positive and negative pulse outputs occurring at the termination of said linear voltage controlled pulse output. A still further object of the instant invention is to provide a relatively simple, efficient and inexpensive linear voltage controlled monostable multivibrator. In accordance with one embodiment of the present invention a synchrodyne is connected to one of the inputs of a bistable multivibrator for providing triggering pulses thereto. One of the outputs of said bistable multivibrator is serially connected through a diode and an RC network to ground, and at the junction of said RC network there is connected the emitter of a unijunction transistor. A first base of said unijunction transistor is connected through a resistor to ground, and also to a second input of said bistable multivibrator for providing reset pulses thereto. A second base of said unijunction transistor is connected through a resistor to a well-known control voltage source which may commonly provide a programmed time variable output voltage. Basically, a pulse from said synchrodyne will cause said bistable multivibrator to change state and provide a signal through said diode to said RC network. The capacitor of said RC network will linearly charge until the signal thereacross reaches a predetermined fraction of the signal from said control voltage source, at which time said unijunction transistor will fire. Upon the firing of said unijunction transistor a positive pulse will be fed back from said first base to said bistable multivibrator causing it to reset by changing its output state, the input signal to said diode will drop to zero, said capacitor will rapidly discharge, and a negative pulse will appear at said second base. Thus, the input signal to said diode will be a pulse whose duration varies linearly with the voltage from said control voltage source and the signal across said capacitor will be a sawtooth wave shape. In another embodiment of the instant invention the bistable multivibrator may be replaced with a silicon controlled rectifier and the resistor of the RC network may be replaced with a constant current source to improve linearity. The attendant advantages of this invention will be better appreciated and said invention will become clearly understood by reference to the following detailed description when considered in conjunction with the accompanying drawings, illustrating four embodiments of the instant invention, wherein: Referring to the drawings in more detail, and more specifically to FIG. The output 13 is serially connected through a diode 15, a resistor 17, and a capacitor 19 to ground, and an output terminal 21 is connected in electrical parallelism with the anode of the diode. The emitter 23 of a unijunction transistor 25, such as a common 2N transistor, is connected in electrical

parallelism with capacitor. The bases 27 and 29 of said transistor 25 are connected through a resistor 31 to ground and a resistor 33 to a well-known -D. Power is supplied to the bistable multivibrator 3 by a 30 volt DC. Considering the operation of the circuit in greater detail, the bistable multivibrator 3 is initially in a state such that there is a signal at the output. A synchronizing pulse not shown provides a triggering pulse to the input 5 which causes the bistable multivibrator 3 to change state and thereby create a signal at the output. This signal will appear at the terminal 21 as a sharp rise followed by a steady potential while the signal passes through the diode 15 and the resistor 17 and is charging the capacitor. It will be recalled that a DC. Additionally, the emitter 23 of said transistor 25 is connected to one side of the capacitor 19 and will therefore receive the signal thereacross. Consequently, when the signal across the capacitor 19 reaches a prescribed fraction of the signal from the control voltage source 35 it will cause the unijunction transistor 25 to fire. When the transistor 25 fires the capacitor 19 will discharge to ground through the resistor 31 causing a pulse to appear thereacross. This pulse will be fed back to the input 7 of the bistable multivibrator 3 causing it to change state, whereupon the signal at the terminal 21 will sharply fall to zero. Thus, the signal output at the terminal 21 will be a pulse whose duration will vary linearly with the magnitude of the signal from the source. By making the resistor 17 of substantially greater value than the resistor 31 the time constant for charging said capacitor 19 will be substantially larger than the discharge time constant. Therefore, the signal across the capacitor 19 will rise gradually, fall sharply, and appear as a linear sawtooth wave shape. This sawtooth signal may be tapped at the junction of the emitter 23 and capacitor. An additional signal output in the form of a negative pulse is available by tapping the base 29 resistor 33 junction. It should be emphasized at this point that the DC. In the case of a time varying amplitude signal from the source 35 it can readily be seen that such a signal may be programmed to provide a desired varying pulse width output at the terminal. Obviously, the linearity of the embodiment of FIG. However, because only a small fraction of the full charge time is used, the linearity of operation of this particular embodiment is about two percent. In order to obtain greater linearity the embodiment of FIG. Referring in more detail to FIG. The operation of this embodiment is essentially the same as that of FIG. Referring again to FIG. The bistable multivibrator 3 FIG. The Zener diode 47 serves to control the pulse height at the output terminal. Additionally, negative synchronizing pulses are utilized to trigger the rectifier 39 and therefore the diode is connected between the input 5 and the output terminal 21 to prevent said negative pulses from reflecting in the output signal. It should be noted that coupling capacitors such as 41 and 43 shown in FIGS. The operation of the embodiment of FIG. A negative going pulse, e. In the quiescent state of the network the silicon controlled rectifier 39 is conducting and the signal level at the output terminal 21 is very nearly zero. When the negative pulse is fed to the input 5 the silicon controlled rectifier 39 is cut-off and the signal at the output terminal 21 quickly rises toward the power supply voltage. The actual level reached by the output signal is set by the Zener diode. When the silicon controlled rectifier 39 is cut-off the capacitor 19 will charge until the signal across it reaches a level predetermined by the DC. When the transistor 25 fires the capacitor 19 will discharge through the resistor 31 to ground, and generate a pulse which is fed back to the input 7 of said rectifier. This feedback pulse will cause the silicon controlled rectifier 39 to conduct and clamp the output terminal at nearly zero. The embodiment of FIG. It can readily be seen that many variations and modifications of the present invention are possible in the light of the aforementioned teachings, and it will be apparent to those skilled in the art that various changes in form and arrangement of components may be made to suit requirements without departing from the spirit and scope of the invention. It is therefore to be understood that within the scope of the appended claims the instant invention may be practised in a manner otherwise than is specifically described herein. What is claimed is: A monostable multivibrator comprising: The monostable multivibrator as specified in claim 1 wherein said bistable circuit means is a bistable multivibrator. The monostable multivibrator as specified in claim 1 wherein said bistable circuit means is a silicon controlled rectifier. The monostable multivibrator as specified in claim 1 further including means connected between the output of said bistable circuit means and said capacitor for charging said capacitor at a linear rate, the value of capacitor voltage effective to trigger said unijunction transistor occurring during the linear charging of said capacitor, whereby the width of the output pulse produced by 6 said bistable circuit means varies linearly with said vari- OTHER REFERENCES able amplitude Whage- RCA Technical Note

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Events Op Amp Bistable Multivibrator Circuit Design Bistable circuits can be used as convenient switches, triggering on incoming pulses and remaining in that state until reset. The circuit can be built using a variety of different types of semiconductor device. In this instance an op amp or comparator is used. Flip flop or bistable circuits can be used for many applications, and when associated with analogue circuitry, the use of a comparator or op amp can be convenient. What is a bistable A bistable is an electronic circuit also referred to as a flip-flop or latch. It is a circuit that has two stable states and can be used to store state information. A flip-flop is a bistable multivibrator and it can be made to change state by signals applied to one or more control inputs and will have one or two outputs. The bistable has two stable states - hence the name bistable. It can be flipped from one state to another by incoming pulses. Flip-flops and latches are a fundamental building block of digital electronics systems. One of their chief applications is in storing data and as such they are widely used in computers and processor systems of all sorts. Op amp bistable This is easy to use an operational amplifier as a bistable multivibrator. An incoming waveform is converted into short pulses and these are used to trigger the operational amplifier to change between its two saturation states. To prevent small levels of noise triggering the circuit, hysteresis is introduced into the circuit, the level being dependent upon the application required. The operational amplifier bistable multivibrator uses just five components, the operational amplifier, a capacitor and three resistors. Simple bistable multivibrator circuit The bistable circuit has two stable states. These are the positive and negative saturation voltages of the operational amplifier operating with the given supply voltages. The circuit can then be switched between them by applying pulses. A negative going pulse will switch the circuit into the positive saturation voltage, and a positive going pulse will switch it into the negative state. Waveforms for the bistable multivibrator circuit It is very easy to calculate the points at which the circuit will trigger. The positive going pulses need to be greater than V_{O-Sat} through the potential divider, i. If they are not sufficiently large then the bistable will not change state. When requiring a switching circuit, comparators are normally better than op amps as they do not exhibit the tendency that some op amps have to latch up. Also comparators are much faster. That said, for some applications an op amp can work well enough.

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Bistable Multivibrator The Bistable Multivibrator is another type of two state device similar to the Monostable Multivibrator we looked at in the previous tutorial but the difference this time is that BOTH states are stable.

Differentiator Multivibrator oscillators are used in many electronics circuits and they are simple to construct. It is possible to construct them using a couple of transistors, but it is also possible to construct a very simple multivibrator oscillator circuit using an operational amplifier. The circuit can be used in a variety of applications where a simple square wave oscillator circuit is required. The use of an operational amplifier integrated circuit is ideal from many viewpoints. Although circuits can be made using just two transistors, operational amplifiers are also very cheap these days, and there is often little to choose in terms of cost. What is an astable multivibrator An astable circuit is one that has two states and it is not stable in either. It continually switches from one state to the other. Suitably tailored in a circuit it can function as an oscillator, regularly switching from one state to another. Within the circuit it is normal to use an RC element to determine the frequency of the astable multivibrator oscillator. LC elements can also be used but they are less convenient and more costly in view of the coil, especially as astable oscillators tend to be used for relatively low frequencies and the coils tend to be large for these frequencies. Astable multivibrator applications Although there are many forms of oscillator available, an astable multivibrator can be used as a simple, yet effective oscillator. They can be made using two bipolar transistors, but a more convenient method is to often to have an astable multivibrator using an op amp or operational amplifier. As a result of their simplicity, astable multivibrators find applications in a variety of different applications where square waves or timed intervals are required. Although used less these days because there are often other oscillators incorporated within larger ICs or other techniques available, but they have been used in frequency dividers as it is possible to lock them to a frequency lower than a reference frequency. This principle was used in many items of electronic equipment from televisions where the line and frame oscillators were able to synchronise to pulses in the video signal, and oscillators in early electronic organs where a high frequency reference oscillator was used to synchronise the lower frequencies for the different notes. Op amp multivibrator circuit The astable multivibrator using an op amp comprises two main sections. This section of the amplifier provides frequency dependent feedback and controls the rate at which the capacitor charges and discharges. It plays a major part in determining the frequency of operation. It is governed by the capacitor C1 and the resistor R1. It is applied to the negative input terminal of the op amp. The hysteresis section of the astable multivibrator is formed by the resistors R2 and R3. These resistors effectively form a Schmitt trigger and enable the circuit to switch between the two states at different voltages for the positive going and negative going voltages on the inverting input. The switch voltages determined by the resistors determine also have an effect on the frequency because it takes less time for C1 to charge to a lower voltage for switching than a larger one. The overall astable multivibrator circuit can be seen below and consists of an operational amplifier, three resistors and a capacitor. Operational amplifier multivibrator oscillator The time period for the oscillation of the astable multivibrator is provided by the formula: The values should be chosen to fall within reasonable bounds for successful operation of the overall circuit. By keeping values to reasonable limits more reliable and predictable operation is likely to be achieved. Circuit operation To look at how the op amp astable multivibrator circuit works take a start point where the capacitor C1 is fully discharged and the output of the op amp is positive - it will actually be at its positive saturated level close to the positive voltage rail The capacitor C1 then starts to charge up via the resistor R1. It rises asymptotically towards the positive saturation voltage. As the capacitor charges up the voltage rises and as the junction of the capacitor and resistor is connected to the inverting input, when this reaches a point where the circuit switching voltage the voltage on the positive or non-inverting terminal as determined by R2 and R3, the output changes from positive to negative, i. The voltage on the non-inverting input also changes at this point. Operational amplifier multivibrator oscillator When the circuit switches the voltage on R1 is now negative and will cause the voltage on the capacitor to fall and this continues until the voltage on the inverting input reaches the new voltage on the non-inverting input, when the output will again

switch and the cycle repeats. Although many multivibrator circuits may be provided using simple logic gates, this operational amplifier multivibrator circuit has the advantage that it can be used to provide an oscillator that will generate a much higher output than that which could come from a logic circuit running from a 5 volt supply. In addition to this the multivibrator oscillator circuit is very simple, requiring just one operational amplifier, op amp, three resistors, and a single capacitor.

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Feedback on both the activator of a system and inhibitor make the system able to tolerate a wide range of concentrations. An example of this in cell biology is that activated CDK1 Cyclin Dependent Kinase 1 activates its activator Cdc25 while at the same time inactivating its inactivator, Wee1, thus allowing for progression of a cell into mitosis. Without this double feedback, the system would still be bistable, but would not be able to tolerate such a wide range of concentrations. Examples are anterior-posterior [11] and dorso-ventral [12] [13] axis formation and eye development. Shh functions in diverse processes in development, including patterning limb bud tissue differentiation. The Shh signaling network behaves as a bistable switch, allowing the cell to abruptly switch states at precise Shh concentrations. This signaling network illustrates the simultaneous positive and negative feedback loops whose exquisite sensitivity helps create a bistable switch. Bistability can only arise in biological and chemical systems if three necessary conditions are fulfilled: On a population level, if many realisations of a bistable system are considered. In an ensemble average over the population, the result may simply look like a smooth transition, thus showing the value of single-cell resolution. In mechanical systems[edit] Bistability is the ability of a material to present in two stable phases that can both exist within a given range of temperatures but above and below that range only one or the other phase exists. Bistability as applied in the design of mechanical systems is more commonly said to be "over centre"â€”that is, work is done on the system to move it just past the peak, at which point the mechanism goes "over centre" to its secondary stable position. Springs are a common method of achieving an "over centre" action. A spring attached to a simple two position ratchet-type mechanism can create a button or plunger that is clicked or toggled between two mechanical states. Many ballpoint and rollerball retractable pens employ this type of bistable mechanism. An even more common example of an over-center device is an ordinary electric wall switch. These switches are often designed to snap firmly into the "on" or "off" position once the toggle handle has been moved a certain distance past the center-point. A ratchet-and-pawl is an elaborationâ€”a multi-stable "over center" system used to create irreversible motion. The pawl goes over center as it is turned in the forward direction. In this case, "over center" refers to the ratchet being stable and "locked" in a given position until clicked forward again; it has nothing to do with the ratchet being unable to turn in the reverse direction. A ratchet in action. Each tooth in the ratchet together with the regions to either side of it constitutes a simple bistable mechanism.

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The operational amplifier bistable multivibrator uses just five components, the operational amplifier, a capacitor and three resistors. Simple bistable multivibrator circuit The bistable circuit has two stable states.

History[edit] A vacuum tube Abraham-Bloch multivibrator oscillator, France, small box, left. Its harmonics are being used to calibrate a wavemeter center. Since it produced a square wave , in contrast to the sine wave generated by most other oscillator circuits of the time, its output contained many harmonics above the fundamental frequency, which could be used for calibrating high frequency radio circuits. For this reason Abraham and Bloch called it a multivibrateur. It is a predecessor of the Eccles-Jordan trigger [7] which was derived from the circuit a year later. Historically, the terminology of multivibrators has been somewhat variable: The earliest and best known of these circuits was the multivibrator. Figure 1, below right, shows bipolar junction transistors. The circuit is usually drawn in a symmetric form as a cross-coupled pair. The two output terminals can be defined at the active devices and have complementary states. One has high voltage while the other has low voltage, except during the brief transitions from one state to the other. Operation[edit] The circuit has two astable unstable states that change alternatively with maximum transition rate because of the "accelerating" positive feedback. It is implemented by the coupling capacitors that instantly transfer voltage changes because the voltage across a capacitor cannot suddenly change. In each state, one transistor is switched on and the other is switched off. Accordingly, one fully charged capacitor discharges reverse charges slowly thus converting the time into an exponentially changing voltage. At the same time, the other empty capacitor quickly charges thus restoring its charge the first capacitor acts as a time-setting capacitor and the second prepares to play this role in the next state. The circuit operation is based on the fact that the forward-biased base-emitter junction of the switched-on bipolar transistor can provide a path for the capacitor restoration. State 1 Q1 is switched on, Q2 is switched off In the beginning, the capacitor C1 is fully charged in the previous State 2 to the power supply voltage V with the polarity shown in Figure 1. Q1 is on and connects the left-hand positive plate of C1 to ground. As its right-hand negative plate is connected to Q2 base, a maximum negative voltage -V is applied to Q2 base that keeps Q2 firmly off. As Q2 base-emitter junction is reverse-biased, it does not conduct, so all the current from R2 goes into C1. Simultaneously, C2 that is fully discharged and even slightly charged to 0. Thus C2 restores its charge and prepares for the next State C2 when it will act as a time-setting capacitor. Q1 is firmly saturated in the beginning by the "forcing" C2 charging current added to R3 current. In the end, only R3 provides the needed input base current. The resistance R3 is chosen small enough to keep Q1 not deeply saturated after C2 is fully charged. Basic BJT astable multivibrator When the voltage of C1 right-hand plate Q2 base voltage becomes positive and reaches 0. Q2 begins conducting and this starts the avalanche-like positive feedback process as follows. Q2 collector voltage begins falling; this change transfers through the fully charged C2 to Q1 base and Q1 begins cutting off. Its collector voltage begins rising; this change transfers back through the almost empty C1 to Q2 base and makes Q2 conduct more thus sustaining the initial input impact on Q2 base. Thus the initial input change circulates along the feedback loop and grows in an avalanche-like manner until finally Q1 switches off and Q2 switches on. The forward-biased Q2 base-emitter junction fixes the voltage of C1 right-hand plate at 0. State 2 Q1 is switched off, Q2 is switched on Now, the capacitor C2 is fully charged in the previous State 1 to the power supply voltage V with the polarity shown in Figure 1. Q2 is on and connects the right-hand positive plate of C2 to ground. As its left-hand negative plate is connected to Q1 base, a maximum negative voltage -V is applied to Q1 base that keeps Q1 firmly off. Simultaneously, C1 that is fully discharged and even slightly charged to 0. Thus C1 restores its charge and prepares for the next State 1 when it will act again as a time-setting capacitor

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Operational amplifier bistable multivibrator circuit - circuit along with a description and details of the operation for a bistable multivibrator using an op amp or operational amplifier.

Differentiator Bistable circuits are sometimes needed within electronic circuit designs. Whilst they are most commonly associated with logic circuits, it is sometimes convenient to have a bistable using an op amp as the basis of the circuit. Bistable circuits are also referred to as flip-flops or latches as a result of the way in which they operate. When used in association with an analogue circuit, a bistable flip-flop based around an operational amplifier is an obvious choice. What is a bistable A bistable is an electronic circuit also referred to as a flip-flop or latch. It is a circuit that has two stable states and can be used to store state information. A flip-flop is a bistable multivibrator and it can be made to change state by signals applied to one or more control inputs and will have one or two outputs. Flip-flops and latches are a fundamental building block of digital electronics systems. One of their chief applications is in storing data and as such they are widely used in computers and processor systems of all sorts. Op amp bistable This is easy to use an operational amplifier as a bistable multivibrator. An incoming waveform is converted into short pulses and these are used to trigger the operational amplifier to change between its two saturation states. To prevent small levels of noise triggering the circuit, hysteresis is introduced into the circuit, the level being dependent upon the application required. The operational amplifier bistable multivibrator uses just five components, the operational amplifier, a capacitor and three resistors. Op amp bistable multivibrator circuit The bistable circuit has two stable states. These are the positive and negative saturation voltages of the operational amplifier operating with the given supply voltages. The circuit can then be switched between them by applying pulses. A negative going pulse will switch the circuit into the positive saturation voltage, and a positive going pulse will switch it into the negative state. Waveforms for the bistable multivibrator operational amplifier circuit It is very easy to calculate the points at which the circuit will trigger. The positive going pulses need to be greater than V_{o-Sat} through the potential divider, i. If they are not sufficiently large then the bistable will not change state.

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Bistable Multivibrators 2 The bistable multivibrator is called a FLIP-FLOP. That term describes the circuit operation. The output flips and flops as.

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Bistable multivibrators In this circuit, both the states at the output ($+V_{sat}$ and $-V_{sat}$) are stable states. i.e. the circuit remains in the same state till the external input is applied. If we want to change the output state a triggering pulse is applied.